

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2005. New claims 12-13 have been added. Non-elected claims 9-11 have been canceled, without prejudice in view of the Restriction Requirement. Thus, claims 1-8 and 12-13 are now pending.

Claim 1 stands rejected under Section 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Kim. This Section 102(b) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 requires "a plurality of spaced-apart conductive line terminals provided on the insulative substrate; an insulating film provided on a layer of the line terminals on the insulative substrate and including a contact hole extending in a terminal arrangement direction so that the plurality of line terminals are exposed therethrough; and a plurality of conductive terminal pads provided on a layer of the insulating film on the insulative substrate so as to respectively cover the plurality of line terminals exposed through the contact hole in the insulating film, wherein the signal input terminals each include one of the line terminals and a corresponding one of the terminal pads." In other words, claim 1 requires that a plurality of conductive terminal pads cover a plurality of line terminals in a particular contact hole defined in an insulating film (although other contact holes may be provided for other terminals for instance). For example and without limitation, Figs. 1A-1C of the instant application illustrate that a plurality (two or more) of conductive terminal pads (4) cover a corresponding plurality of line terminals (2) in a *given contact hole* (3) defined in an insulating film (13). This is advantageous for the reasons discussed in the instant specification.

Kim fails to disclose or suggest the aforesaid quoted features of claim 1. In Fig. 1 of Kim, each connection between a pad (57, 67) and an underlying line terminal requires its own separate contact hole (51, 61) in the insulating film. In other words, a particular contact hole in

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Fig. 1 of Kim allows only one pad to cover one line terminal. Thus, Kim fails to disclose or suggest a plurality of conductive terminal pads covering a plurality of line terminals in a particular contact hole defined in the insulating film as called for in claim 1. Instead, Kim teaches directly away from the invention of claim 1, and cannot anticipate the same.

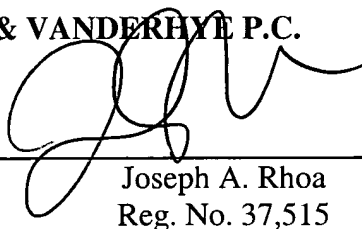
Claim 5 also requires that a plurality of conductive terminal pads cover a plurality of line terminals in a particular contact hole defined in an insulating film. Again, the cited art fails to disclose or suggest this features.

It is respectfully requested that all rejections be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

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